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Employment

UCLA California Policy Lab

Researcher

Los Angeles, CA

2023-Present

Education

University of Illinois Chicago

Ph.D. & M.A. Economics

Chicago, IL

2017-2023

American University of Beirut

M.A. Economics

Beirut, Lebanon

2016

American University of Beirut

B.A. Economics with distinction

Beirut, Lebanon

2013

Published Papers

SNAP and Food Expenditures: Evaluating California's Cash-out Policy

with Erik Hembre and Katie McElroy

Contemporary Economic Policy; May 2024

Do EITC Eligibility Rules Encourage College Enrollment?

with Ben Ost

Economic Inquiry; May 2022

Working Papers

The Effect of the SSI Student Earned Income Exclusion on Education and Labor Supply

SSA's Growing Interest in the Child Tax Credit and Other Child-Driven Income Support Programs

with Timothy Smeeding, Madelaine L'Esperance, Jevay Grooms

The Effect of Pro-tenant Policies on Land Rents of Mobile Home Parks

Research in Progress

Can High School Financial Education Reduce the Black-White Wealth Gap?

with Carly Urban and Melody Harvey

Measuring Inequality in Real Time

with Loujaina Abdelwahed, Richard Cole Campbell, Todd Czurylo, Jacob Robbins

[Website](#)

Research Grants and Awards

Research Grant

National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE)

Co-PIs: Carly Urban, Melody Harvey, Shogher Ohannessian

2023-2026

\$309,388

Research Grant

UW-Madison Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability Research Center (CFS RDRC)

Co-PIs: Timothy Smeeding, Madelaine L'Esperance, Jevay Grooms, Shogher Ohannessian

2022-2023

\$157,837

Conference Travel Grant

UW-Madison CFS RDRC

2022-2023

\$1,500

Graduate Student Council Travel Award; Student Presenter Award

University of Illinois Chicago

2022-2023

\$800

Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Research Grant

UW-Madison CFS RDRC

2021-2022

\$5,000

Research Grant

Washington Center for Equitable Growth. Co-PIs: Jacob Robbins and Loujaina Abdelwahed

2021

\$50,000

Excellent Performance in Coursework and Comprehensive Exams	2019
<i>University of Illinois Chicago, Mitch Krask Award</i>	\$250
Best M.A. Thesis	2016
<i>American University of Beirut, Samir Makdisi Award</i>	\$1,000

Conference, Seminar Presentations, and Workshops

2023: American Economic Association (AEA) (poster); Eastern Economic Association (EEA)
 2022: Global Labor Organization (GLO); Southern Economic Association (SEA); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM); National Tax Association (NTA); Illinois Economics Association (IEA); PhD Economics Virtual Seminar (PhD-EVS); Armenian Economics Association (ArmEA); Canadian Economics Association (CEA); UIC Economics Research Luncheon (EARL)
 2021: CFS RDRC JSIT Summer Workshop; IEA
 2020: AEA CSWEP A Mentoring Workshop for 3rd and 4th Year Women Non-Binary Economics; UIC EARL

Predoctoral Research Experience

University of Wisconsin–Madison	
Research Assistant to Dr. Timothy Smeeding	Spring 2023, Summer 2023
University of Illinois Chicago	
Research Assistant to Dr. Erik Hembre	Winter 2019, Spring 2022
Research Assistant (part time) to Dr. Ben Ost	Fall 2020
Research Assistant to Dr. Benjamin Feigenberg	Summer 2018–Spring 2020
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)	
Research Assistant	May 2015–Aug 2017
Intern Research Assistant	Jan 2015–Apr 2015
Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)	
Research Assistant (part time)	Mar 2017–Aug 2017
American University of Beirut	
Research Assistant to Dr. Nisreen Salti	Fall 2014– Spring 2015

Teaching Experience *(Average student rating in parentheses when available)*

University of Illinois Chicago	
Teaching Assistant for Microeconomics: Theory and Applications	Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant for MBA Microeconomics for Business Decisions	Fall 2021
Course Instructor for Econometrics (4.79/5)	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant (part time) for Health Economics	Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant for Principles of Macroeconomics (4.73/5)	Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant for Principles of Microeconomics (4.67/5)	Fall 2017
American University of Beirut	
Graduate Assistant for Graduate Econometrics, Econometrics, Economic Development	2013–2016

Other Experience

UIC and CFS RDRC Social-insurance Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)	
Program Coordinator	Summer 2022 and 2023
NIH Short-Term Research Experience Program to Unlock Potential (STEP-UP)	
Student Mentor	Summer 2021 and 2022

Professional Activities

UIC Graduate Student Seminar Co-Organizer	2019–2020
UIC Graduate Student Mentor	2018–2023

Skills

Spoken Languages
 Armenian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Arabic (fluent)
Computer Skills
 STATA, R, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX